



Brookings School District

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MICKELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd C. Foster, Mickelson Middle School Principal
RE: Administrative Report
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November Highlights:

Great Place to Learn

Wax Museum

Mickelson Middle School hosted the 2024 Person of the Past Wax Museum in November. We had an awesome turnout and students raised \$3,960 which will be donated to the Kelly McGeough Foundation, which was established in 1983 in honor of ten-year-old Kelly McGeough who fought a valiant fight against leukemia.





6th Grade to Water Treatment Plant

Students took a field trip to the Brookings Water Treatment Plant. Learners witnessed how the water is treated before the plant sends it out to the consumers. They found out that the aquifer which feeds Brookings is currently around 20-50 feet below the surface. Four wells that are located about 1.5 miles east of Brookings feed the water to the plant.



Great Place to Work

PBIS—Slime a Teacher Day

MMS students were able to buy chances with PBIS points to have the opportunity to “Slime a Teacher” before Thanksgiving break. Students who were chosen were able to Slime a teacher of their choosing. Below are pictures of this event.





Great Place to Collaborate

Veterans Day Celebration

Mickelson Middle School hosted our “Veterans in the Classroom” in honor of Veteran’s Day on November 12th. Thank you to all our veterans who have served and we really appreciated everyone coming in and sharing their stories.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Mickelson Middle School hosted their student-led Parent-Teacher conferences this past November. The students work with their homeroom teachers prior to conferences preparing for these conferences. They look at strengths, weaknesses, and something they can work on for the rest of the year. Students work on writing and presentation skills. Teachers have found doing student-led conferences to be more effective. A comment from one teacher says, “Students take ownership of how they are doing in school, and how they can be better.” Another one said, “Students are able to have an open conversation with parents about things they love about school and the things they are doing. We have a better turnout for these conferences.” This year at MMS we had a 96% attendance at our student-led conferences that took place over the course of two weeks.

Responsible District

Pennies War

The annual “Pennies War” contest between the homerooms at Mickelson Middle School was completed during November. This year the students at MMS donated around \$2,000 which was used to buy the Brookings County Food Pantry 20 hams and 20 turkeys.

